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SUBJECT: F-104 REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT

1. THE GENERAL DYNAMICS F-16, WHICH RECENTLY WON THE USAF
COMPETITION FOR THE AIR COMBAT FIGHTER, IS BEING CONSIDERED
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BY CONSORTIUM OF BELGIUM, NORWAY, THE NETHERLANDS AND DEN-

MARK AS A REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT FOR THEIR F-104G'S. SUBJECT TO CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF FUNDING, THE USAF PLANS TO PROCURE AT LEAST 650 F-16'S REGARDLESS OF CONSORTIUM DECISION. A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF THESE AIRCRAFT WILL BE DEPLOYED TO USAF FORCES IN EUROPE.

2. USG OFFER TO CONSORTIUM FOR COPRODUCTION IS PREDICATED ON THEIR SELECTION OF THE SAME AIRCRAFT AS THAT CHOSEN BY USAF. IT IS THE USG POSITION THAT THE SELECTION OF THE F-16 BY THE CONSORTIUM SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED IN THE INTERESTS OF RATIONALIZATION AND STANDARDIZATION IN PREFERENCE TO ANY OTHER AIRCRAFT. THE SELECTION BY NATO ALLIES OF THE F-16 WOULD REDUCE COST AND INCREASE ALLIED FORCE EFFECTIVENESS. BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANT USG INTERESTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSORTIUM SELECTION OF THE USAF ADVANCE COMBAT FIGHTER, MISSIONS SHOULD TAKE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO ADVANCE THE F-16 AS WELL AS PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO GENERAL DYNAMICS IN ITS EFFORTS WITH THE CONSORTIUM.

3. FOR BRUSSELS, OSLO, COPENHAGEN, THE HAGUE: WOULD

APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUING REPORTING OF IMPACT OF SHRONTZ TEAM PRESENTATION TO STEERING COMMITTEE IN BRUSSELS ON JANUARY 14-16 AND ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR RECOMMENDATIONS YOU MAY CONSIDER APPROPRIATE.

4. FYI: OSD/DSAA IS THE FOCAL POINT IN REGARD TO THIS PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. END FYI. KISSINGER

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